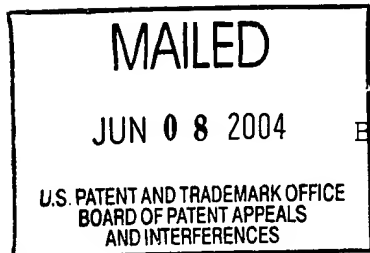


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Ex parte FRIEDHELM BECKMANN

Appeal No. 2004-0578
Application No. 09/666,951

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge and
KIMLIN and WILLIAM F. SMITH, Administrative Patent Judges.

Per curiam.

On April 15, 2004, counsel for the appellant filed a Notice to Withdraw Appeal. On April 19, 2004, counsel for the appellant filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued

examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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